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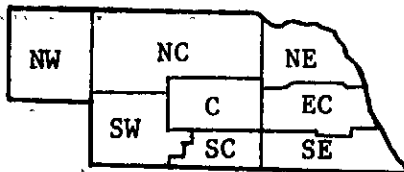
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WEATHER

Warm temperatures continued through the period averaging one to six degrees above normal. A few scattered showers and thunderstorms brought rainfall mostly over the southwest and central portions of the State.

GENERAL

Scattered showers received last week in some parts of the State gave limited relief to crops but rains were mostly too scattered and too late for general benefit to crops. Wheat seedbed preparation continues statewide with seeding in full swing in the Panhandle. Most other areas have begun limited sowing but generally are waiting for moisture.

Topsoil moisture supplies remained the same as last week as short in 96% of the counties reporting and adequate in 4%. Subsoil moisture supplies also remained about the same as last week at 96% short and 4% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture was short in 66% and subsoil short in 91%.

CROPS

Irrigated corn declined again last week but continues to remain in mostly good condition across the State. Dryland corn also declined again last week due to the hot, dry weather conditions and is in mostly poor condition statewide. Over 75% of all corn is in or beyond the dent stage. This is near the normal of

70% and last year's 75%. Over 20% is now mature, compared to 15% for both normal and a year ago at this time. Silage harvest is in full swing across the State with some farmers chopping corn as a method of salvaging the drouth-damaged acres.

Sorghum and soybeans declined again last week but still remain in mostly fair condition. Sorghum development remains ahead of normal with 70% turned compared to 60% for normal and 70% for 1975. Over 15% of the sorghum crop is now ripe. This compares to 10% for normal and 15% for a year ago. Soybeans are also ahead of normal as over 40% of the soybean leaves have turned to date. This compares to 35% for both normal and last year. About 10% of the soybean plants have shed their leaves to date, which is near normal and a year ago.

Dry beans in the Northwest District are maturing rapidly with the current weather conditions and harvest is well underway.

Alfalfa and wild hay remain in mostly poor to fair condition statewide. The third cutting of alfalfa is now nearly 80% complete.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies deteriorated further last week to short in 94% of the counties reporting. Supplemental feeding of cattle on dry pastures is continuing with some culling to reduce load on remaining pasture feed.

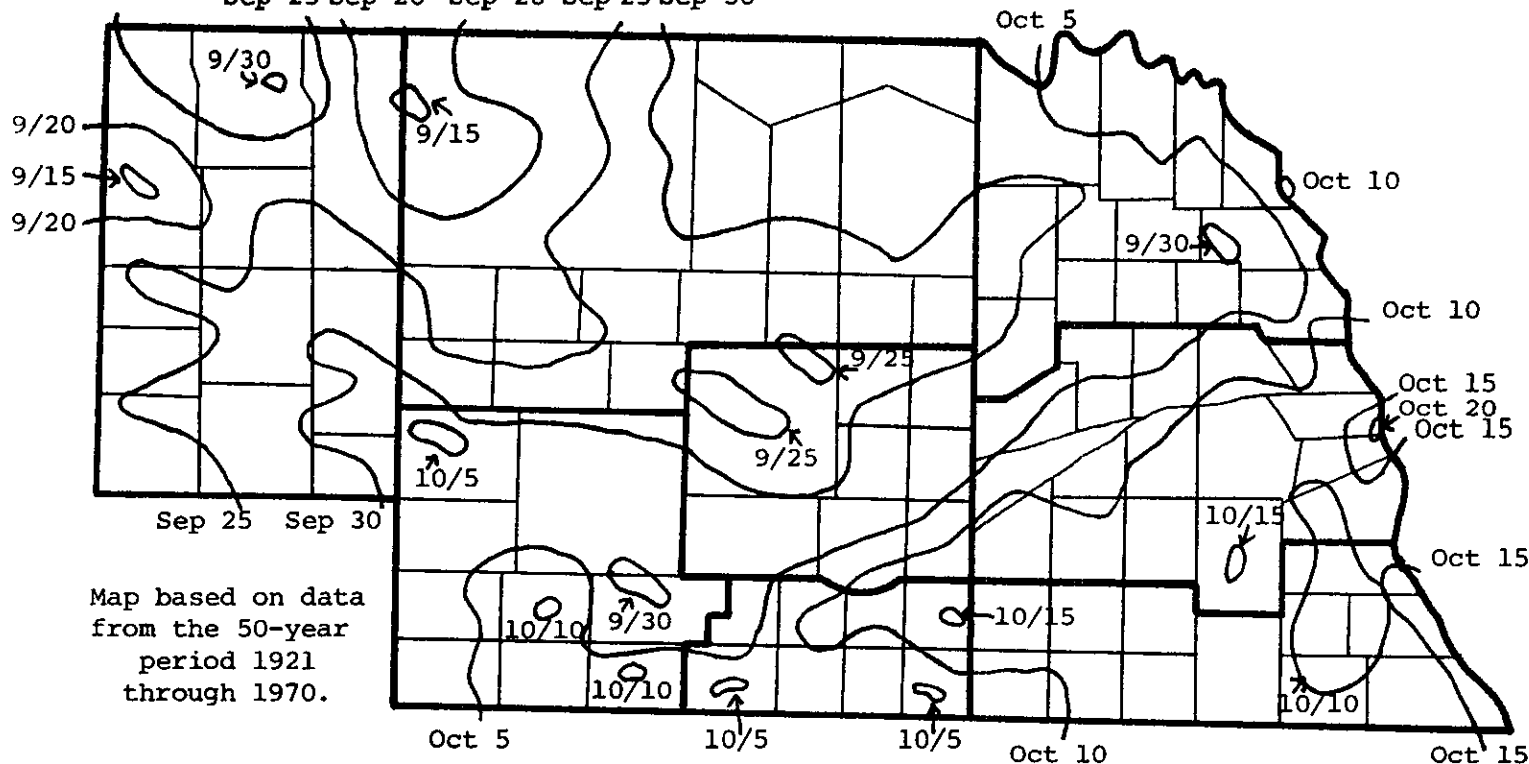
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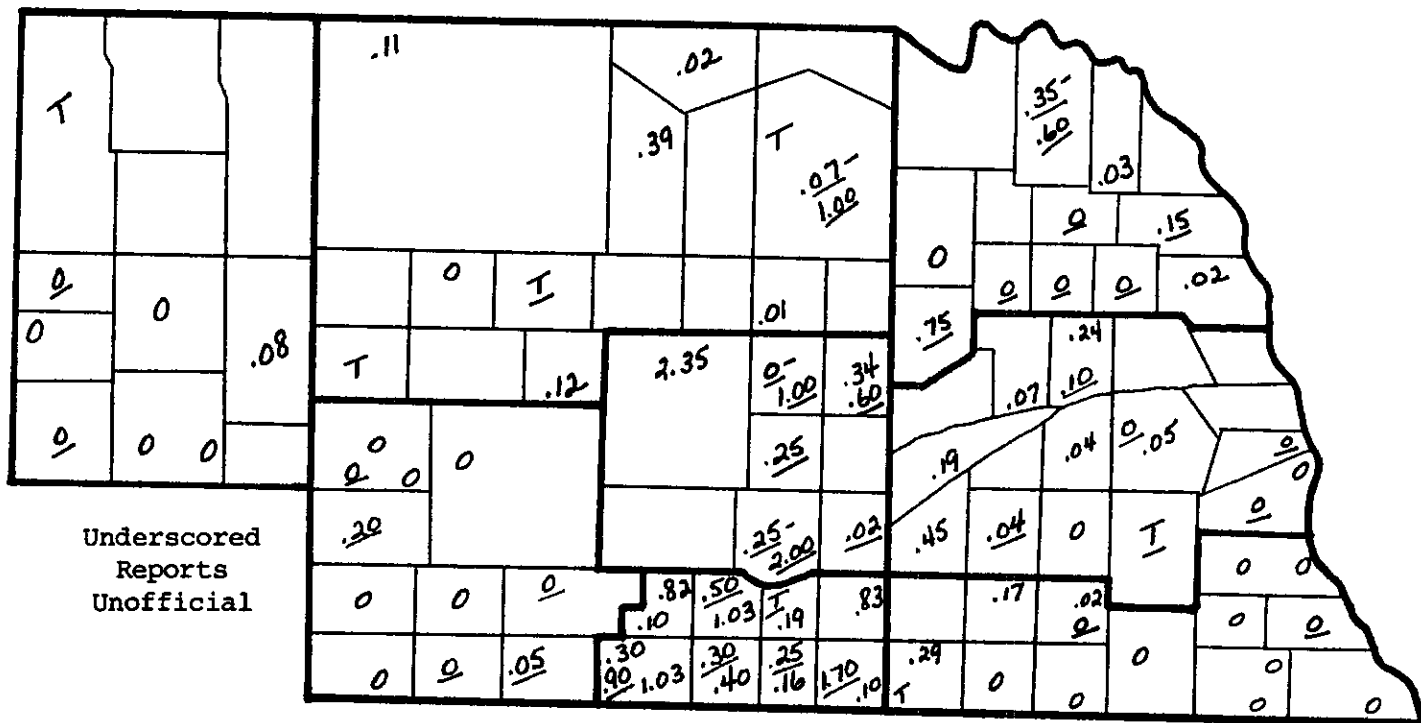


NEBRASKA--AVERAGE DATE OF FIRST 32° F TEMPERATURE IN FALL

Sep 25 Sep 25 Sep 20 Sep 20 Sep 25 Sep 30



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1976



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1976

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	100	49	75	--	.03
	Scottsbluff	97	43	71	+5	0
	Sidney	96	43	69	--	0
NC	Burwell	92	44	71	--	.01
	Valentine	95	45	71	+4	T
NE	Norfolk	91	50	74	+6	T
	Sioux City	95	49	72	+4	T
CEN	Grand Island	96	55	74	+4	.02
EC	Lincoln	96	55	76	+6	T
	Omaha	97	56	76	+5	0
SW	Imperial	100	47	71	--	0
	North Platte	96	37	67	-1	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 3, 1976

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.00	.10	.00	.90	.10	.00	.50	.00
Total since April 1.....	10.00	11.40	12.20	15.70	11.70	9.00	11.20	15.30
Normal since April 1.....	12.52	14.86	17.57	16.27	19.03	13.81	16.70	20.26